

MINUTES
ELECTORAL BOARD CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG
Municipal Building, 2nd Floor City Manager Small Conference Room
1 PM, March 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1 PM by Chairperson, Pam Legere

PRESENT: Chair Pam Legere; Vice-Chair Cathie Allport; Secretary Tom Mainor; General Registrar, Tina Reitzel.

OBSERVERS: None **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

APPROVED: Minutes of February 7, 2022

- **Updated 2022 List of officers of Election: (See Attachment*)**
- **Redistricting and precinct realignment Info** If we take GIS numbers, Matoaka would have 4,783 voters, or 48%. Stryker would have 5,250 voters, or 52%. This represents a significant growth in Matoaka.
- **Tina and Haley have CERA classes first morning at Homestead**
- **Homestead: Fully Booked.** Pam will pick up City vehicle.
- **All Voter Registration applications audited for years 2018- 2021.** Boxed for Record Retention.
- **June Primaries not decided;**
- **Pay Study underway.** Tina serving on Salary/Compensation study committee for City.
- **Office has been cleaned and re-organized**
- **Referendum Effort:** A James City County resident came seeking information on establishing a referendum in Williamsburg which would require that the City School Board position be an elected rather than appointed position. City Attorney, Chris Shelton is monitoring progress of the legislation in the General Assembly, as it would require a change in the City Charter. A referendum cannot legally be submitted by a non-city resident. The JCC resident is trying to find a city resident to accomplish this for him.
- **Tina has completed the required City Security Audit** with Mark Barham, Director of City Information Technology. We are 100 % Compliant with State and Federal.
- **Campaign Finance:** Six City Council Candidate packets have been picked up for Council Elections in November. One returned. Councilman still has not paid campaign filing fine,
- **Legislative update:** Tina shared LEGISLATIVE bills still in process. (See attachment **) The Bill requiring ballots to be counted by precincts passed. The City will need to print separate ballots for each precinct. If there is a June primary, we may use them. We are required to begin using them by the November 2022 election.

OLD BUSINESS: Covered in Registrar's Report

NEW BUSINESS: **L & A testing date** to be determined at April EB Meeting

ADJOURNEMENT: 2:05 PM

NEXT MEETING: April 5, 1 PM

MINUTES APPROVED:


Pam Legere, Chair


Cathie Allport, Vice Chair


Thomas Mainor, Secretary

Electoral Board, City of Williamsburg

Attachments * **

Legislative Update – 2.16.2022

The following legislative update references all activity up to Crossover, which was Tuesday, February 15th.

Absentee Reporting by Precinct Bills

- The House and the Senate have passed bills with drastically different language. The Legislative Committee will continue to focus on these bills after crossover.
 - SB 3 with a substitute. This bill received a substitute that eliminated the language related to the manual sorting of ballots. The language would require the Department of Elections to promulgate standards for the reporting of absentee votes by precinct. (VRAV supports this bill with its amended language.)
 - HB 927. This bill retains the language related to the hand sorting of ballots.

Risk Limiting Audits

- The following bills make changes to the frequency and timelines surrounding Risk Limiting Audits
 - HB 895
 - SB 370

Last 4 of the Social Security Number

- The following bill requires an applicant to provide the last four of the Social Security Number on an Absentee Ballot request form have passed the House and the Senate.
 - SB 652

Private Funding of Elections.

- The following bills prohibit the acceptance of privately funded grants or gifts from being received by State and Local Election Officials
 - HB 205
 - SB 80

State Board of Election Bills

- The following bills have technical differences; however, both would create an independent State Board of Elections and Department of Elections. (VRAV Supports these bills)
 - SB 371
 - HB 305

Bills that have passed the House and Senate and will now be sent to the Governor.

- HB 195. Passed both the House and the Senate with broad bipartisan support. This bill was supported by the Association and was brought by the patron at the request of a General Registrar.
- HB 55. Passed both the House and the Senate with broad bipartisan support. This bill was supported by the Association.

Bills that have passed the House and will be heard in the Senate

- The following House bills are similar to Senate bills that were previously heard and rejected by the Senate P&E Committee. The Legislative Committee will be watching these bills very closely
 - HB 175 Absentee Voting; annual absentee voter list; applications for ballots
 - HB 196 Absentee voting; permanent absentee voter list repealed
 - HB 34 Absentee voting; return of absentee ballots, drop off locations.
 - HB 39 Absentee voting in person; available beginning on the 14th day prior to election
 - HB 956 Absentee voting; deadline for returning absentee ballots
 - HB 46 Elections; voter id containing a photograph required.
 - HB 185 Voter Registration, registration permitted up to and including day of election – repeal
 - HB 1090 Voter Identification containing a photograph required.
- The following House bills will be heard by the Senate P&E
 - HB 439 Absentee Ballots; material included, information on proposed constitutional amendments. (This bill requires a link to proposed Constitutional Amendment information be included on Absentee Ballot instructions.)
 - HB 542 Election Administration; reclassification of assistant registrar (This bill changes the title of assistant registrars to deputy registrars) this bill is supported by the association and was brought by the patron at the request of VRAV.
 - HB 544 Voter identification; optional restrictive identification requirements (this bill allows a voter to opt into a photo id requirement)
 - HB 68 Voter registration: presumption of domicile; members of the uniformed service and others.
 - HB 528 Absentee voting; unsolicited absentee ballot applications, required information. (This bill is supported by the Association and was brought by the patron at VRAV request)
 - HB 1082 elections; times of certain local elections. (This bill would allow a city or town return to May Elections).

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 - SJ 5 Constitutional Amendment to repeal Same-Sex marriage prohibition
 - SB 557 Constitutional Amendment to repeal Same-Sex marriage prohibition
 - SJ 1 Constitutional Amendment to allow for automatic restoration of rights.
 - SB 21 Constitutional Amendment to allow for automatic restoration of rights
 - SB 767 Voter Registration: restoration of political rights upon release from incarceration.
 - SB 273. Elections, Absentee Voting, verification of Social Security Number. (The Association supported this bill. This bill was the result of the Witness Signature Alternatives workgroup that VRAV, VEBA, ELECT, DPV and RPV participated in during 2021.
- The following Senate bills will be heard by the House P&E Committee.
 - SJ 33 Study; JLARC; election governance structure; report. (This will would create a JLARC study related to State and Local Election Administration and Election Officials.)

- SB 744 Virginia Election Commission; establishment; purpose. (This bill would create a bipartisan commission of General Assembly members and others, similar to other commissions such as the Crime Commission, to review election related legislation.) VRAV supports this legislation.
- SB 698 Elections; lists of persons voting at elections; creation of searchable public lists prohibited.